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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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COUNTY | FIGHTING METH

## Group looks for solutions to meth abuse



NORA MABERRY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, speaks during the East Central Illinois Methamphetamine Summit held Thursday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Rose emphasized the effectiveness of the Coles County Drug Court, an addiction treatment program, and said taxpayers should continue to support the local initiative.

### Coalition has had success with drug treatment program

By **Nora Maberry**  
News Editor

Steve Mange, senior policy adviser for the Illinois Attorney Generals Office, said the hardest work in the fight against methamphetamine is being done at a local level.

Mange spoke at the East Central Illinois Methamphetamine Summit, held in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Thursday.

Mange told Coles County Meth Awareness Coalition members that the combination of the Coles County Drug Court and the coalitions that have been put together in Coles County are impressive.

The Coles County Drug Court is a court-supervised, comprehensive drug addiction treatment program for non-violent offenders.

The voluntary program requires regular court appearances and attendance at treatment sessions, and includes counseling and close super-

#### MORE ABOUT METH

Meth is made from a combination of over-the-counter drugs and common household chemicals including:

- acetone
- over-the-counter cold and asthma medications
- drain cleaners
- Meth labs emit a strong odor similar to cat urine, ether or ammonia.
- Labs often have windows covered or painted.

vision by a probation officer, drug testing and moral recognition therapy.

“If you add a drug court, it doubles the effectiveness of your treatment,” Mange said.

State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, also spoke at the summit and said he agreed that drug courts are effective.

“Drug court really is the way to go,” Rose said. He said funding concerns could put the program in jeopardy.

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UNIVERSITY | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Murray’s position unclear

### Resolution to hire liaison needed Senate approval before passage

By **Rick Kambic**  
Student Government Reporter

How Student Government’s new marketing director will be paid is still undetermined.

Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick was unsure where Scott Murray, hired at the March 19 Senate meeting, technically fits into Student Government. She deferred comment to the organization’s adviser, Ceci Brinker. Brinker could not be reached for comment on Thursday.

Under the resolution passed March 19, Murray gets paid \$10 an hour for up to \$500 per semester to design advertisements for Student Government functions.

Ogulnick is the only person able to create a new liaison position, and she would have needed the approval of the senate first.

“All liaison positions will be open to any student of Eastern Illinois University, not excluding student senators,” the bylaws read. “Liaisons must be approved by a majority vote of the senate.”

Notification to the student body about the position was not made, Ogulnick told the senate during the March 19 meeting.

She consequently made an announcement to the senate members to find a candidate, if they felt it was needed, she said. No alternative designers were suggested.

Article two, section 11 of the senate bylaws describes ex-officio members.

Two possible positions relating to Murray’s work would be director of public relations and director of information technology.

“Director of Public Relations: Shall be a member of the Student Committee on Student Relations,” the bylaws read. “The Director of Public Relations shall be responsible for working with all committees on graphic designs and publicity projects.”

Ogulnick suggested Murray for the position during the March 19 senate meeting, but retracted the idea when student senate member Sean Wyrobek asked if



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick listens to discussion during Wednesday night’s senate meeting in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

committee members could receive monetary rewards for completed work.

“Director of Information Technology: Shall maintain the Student Government and subsidiary web sites,” the bylaws read. “Shall maintain a computerized database of historic and current legislation, executive decisions and other pertinent information. Keeping Student Government computers organized and in good working order.”

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UNIVERSITY | APPORTIONMENT BOARD

## Less event funding, AMP magazine cut

### UB removes entire publication, 18 events from proposed budget

By **Rick Kambic**  
Student Government Reporter

“AMP magazine is no more,” said Pat Lamorte, vice chairman of the University Board during Thursday’s Apportionment Board meeting.

The publication’s entire \$13,521 budget was cut in order to meet the AB’s mandated \$57,948 budget reduction for fiscal year 2009.

“I want to thank UB for cutting AMP upon our recommendation,” AB member Travis Bounds said.

In UB’s March 20 proposal, \$6,120.65 had already been removed from AMP’s 2008 budget of \$19,641.65.

“AMP was actually cut days before we presented to you and for other reasons, but we decided to push for it anyway,” Lamorte told AB.

According to a UB survey of approximately 160 students, only 53 percent of the participants rated AMP’s quality a four out of five.

“Removing AMP was discussed in our first round of budget cuts a few months ago because of personnel (expectations),” Lamorte said after the meeting. “And again with funds, (AMP) was an expendable budget item.”

In addition to AMP’s removal, Lamorte said about 18 events were cut from five programming committees. UB’s approved budget for fiscal

year 2009 is \$239,469.

One major fall “Up All Nite” event has been split into two minor events, and the spring semester Up All Nite was cut completely.

Funding was also removed for a UB Rush Hour, outdoor movie and one comedian.

“They definitely took all of the suggestions into account and brought back exactly what AB wanted to see,” said AB chairwoman Leah Pietraszewski. “I definitely foresee (UB) coming back for additional funding because they cut a lot of good programs that I’m sure we will have money for some of.”

One expensive and one low-budget lecture were removed from UB line items, as well as PantherStock and four Open Mic nights.

“What we did was allocate enough money to have a solid fall semester and come back for additional money to (supplement) spring events,” Lamorte said.

AB approved both UB and Student Government’s restructured budgets and sent the overall \$535,000 appropriation to fee-funded organizations to the Student Senate.

Student Body President Cole Rogers and Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick were present to give their budget adjustments to AB.

Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president, gave a presentation to AB about Student Government’s trip to Texas for the Conference on Student Government Associations.

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## EIU WEATHER

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| <b>FRIDAY</b><br><br><b>41° 24°</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>NNE 10 mph | <b>SATURDAY</b><br><b>47° 43°</b><br> | <b>WEATHER BRIEF</b><br>There is a slight chance for rain in the Charleston area this morning, but we can expect to see partly cloudy skies today. Today's daytime high temperature will be in the low 40's.<br>For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at <a href="http://www.eiu.edu/~weather">www.eiu.edu/~weather</a> |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>55° 58°</b><br>                                |  |  |

## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## LA Times apologizes for story about Tupac's death

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — *The Los Angeles Times* apologized for using apparently fabricated documents in a story implying that a 1994 assault on Tupac Shakur was carried out by associates of Sean "Diddy" Combs, and that he knew about it ahead of time.

The apologies followed an investigation launched by Editor Russ Stanton after *The Smoking Gun* Web site reported earlier in the day that the paper was conned by a prisoner who doctored the documents. Combs denied that he had any prior knowledge of or involvement in the robbery and shooting of Shakur at a New York recording studio.

*The Times* said its March 17 story was based on FBI records, interviews with people at the scene of the 1994 shooting and statements to the FBI by an informant. None of the sources was named. Pulitzer-prize winning reporter Chuck Philips, who wrote

the story, said Wednesday that a former FBI agent examined the documents in question for him and said they appeared to be legitimate.

"I now believe the truth here is I got duped," he said.

## Rapper T.I. pleads guilty to federal weapon charges

ATLANTA — Rapper T.I. pleaded guilty Thursday to federal weapons possession charges and will receive a sentence that includes prison time after he completes a period of community service.

In the year that he is awaiting sentencing, T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris, must complete at least 1,000 hours of a total 1,500 hours of community service, talking to youth groups about the pitfalls of guns, gangs and drugs.

He will be sentenced to serve about 12 months in prison after completing the community service, officials said. His prison time could

be increased or reduced, depending on his fulfillment of the terms of the deal and good behavior, they said.

He pleaded guilty to possession of unregistered machine guns and silencers, unlawful possession of machine guns and possession of firearms by a convicted felon.

## Hugely popular Chicago radio host dies at 82

CHICAGO — Wally Phillips, the most listened-to Chicago radio host for two decades, died Thursday after suffering from Alzheimer's disease. He was 82.

Mixing audience participation, public service and breaking news, his broadcast was the No. 1 morning show in Chicago from 1966 until he left to run the afternoon program in 1986, according to WGN.

At the height of his popularity, he had an audience of nearly 1.5 million — or about half the listeners in the Chicago area.

## PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Kickin' it with the warm weather



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

As nice spring weather comes and goes around the area, senior industrial technology major Erick Boyce kicks a soccer ball around on Wednesday afternoon.

## WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

## Sense of smell sharpens when bad things happen

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It turns out emotion plays an even bigger role with the nose, and that your sense of smell actually can sharpen when something bad happens.

Northwestern University researchers proved the surprising connection by giving volunteers electric shocks while they sniffed novel odors.

The discovery, reported in Friday's edition of the journal "Science," helps explain how our senses can steer us clear of danger. More intriguing, it could shed light on disorders such as post-traumatic stress syndrome.

"This is an incredibly unique study," said Dr. David

Zald, a Vanderbilt University neuroscientist who studies how the brain handles sensory and emotional learning. "We're talking about a change in our perceptual abilities based on emotional learning."

Scientists long have known of a strong link between the sense of smell and emotion.

A certain perfume or scent of baking pie, for instance, can raise memories of a long-dead loved one. Conversely, a whiff of diesel fuel might trigger a flashback for a soldier suffering from PTSD. Volunteers repeatedly smelled sets of laboratory chemicals with odors distinctly different from ones in everyday life.

An "oily grassy" smell is the best description that lead researcher Wen Li, a Northwestern postdoctoral fellow in neuroscience, could give.

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CAMPUS | EVENTS

# DANCING UP A STORM

EIU Dancers perform tonight and Saturday

By Emily Zulz  
Activities Reporter

A big moment in Jeanna McFarland's life was when she saw her first live ballet.

McFarland was in college at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Her dance teacher arranged a field trip to the Muny Opera in St. Louis to see the "best couple ever in ballet history" – Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev.

"I still get chills when I think about it," McFarland said. "It was just incredible."

McFarland said this performance was a big influence on her.

She has been dancing all her life around the house but did not get serious until her junior year in college.

She changed her major to theater with a dance specialization and never looked back.

"It's just my love," McFarland said. "Why does anyone love anything? I just loved it."

McFarland is the director of EIU Dancers and a faculty member in the kinesiology and sports studies department.

The EIU Dancers will perform "With Heart and Sole" at 7 tonight and 7:30 p.m. Saturday in McAfee Gymnasium. The performance is free.

McFarland studied modern dance, ballet and jazz in New York City for four years. While there, she studied under several famed dancers, including Martha Graham and Merce Cunningham.

Graham and Cunningham are



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EIU Dancers member Kristen Pierce practices her dance steps during practice Wednesday night at McAfee Gymnasium. Pierce and her fellow dancers will perform both tonight and Saturday in McAfee Gymnasium.

both modern dancers and celebrated for their choreography.

Chrissy Delligatti, a senior elementary education major and secretary for the EIU Dancers, said McFarland is someone EIU Dancers look up to.

McFarland was "in our shoes at one time" so she can relate to how dancers are feeling, Delligatti said.

"Dance is as special to her as it is to us," Delligatti said.

McFarland said she likes working with the EIU Dancers because they are serious about what they do.

"It's not just a class," she said. "They're serious dancers. It's an opportunity for me to let them do what they love to do."

Nancy Nordtvedt created the EIU Dancers in 1981. McFarland became co-director when she joined Eastern's faculty in 1991. She became director upon Nordtvedt's retirement in 2005.

This year's show will feature a variety of songs and dances, including lyrical, jazz and hip-hop.

It features 22 pieces choreo-

graphed by McFarland and members of the company.

The dancers have been planning this show since September, with some working four-hour practices, four days a week. Often, the dancers start choreographing pieces in the summer before the school year starts.

Krystle Gravitt, a senior elementary education major and president of EIU Dancers, said the dancers have put a lot of effort and time into practicing and rehearsing.

"I would say this year is the best quality dancers we've had in the past four years," Gravitt said.

The company had a lot of new girls come in with experience and that, combined with experience already on the team, raised the talent level, Delligatti said.

McFarland said when dancers have more experience, they can handle more difficult choreography.

This year has more thought-out choreography with more emotional, lyrical pieces, Gravitt said.

"This year's a lot more artsy," she said.

Kelly Maher, a senior elementary education major and vice president of the EIU Dancers, said this year's performance is not as traditional as it has been in the past.

New ideas for dances have come from dance shows on television like "So You Think You Can Dance," "Dancing with the Stars" and "America's Best Dance Crew."

The show is "not all serious ballet," Gravitt said.

"I think sometimes people get confused that we're going to do 20 pointe routines because we're the dance company on campus, so they don't come," she said. "They don't realize that half the dances we're doing are fast, jazz dances to songs that are on the radio right now."

One does not have to be a dancer to appreciate the EIU Dancers' performance, Gravitt said.

"Our audience is so varied; what grandma and grandpa like, college students don't," she said.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Opt to return your textbooks early

Students can return textbooks to Textbook Rental any time during the semester.

The final deadline to return Spring 2008 textbooks is 3 p.m. May 2.

Visit <http://www.eiu.edu/~textbks/> for more information.

### Workshop's spring performance today

The spring performance for the Music Theater and Opera Workshop will be held at 6 tonight in McAfee Gymnasium.

The event is free.

The performance will contain scenes from "The Mikado," "The King and I," "Old Maid and the Thief," "The Diamonds" and "Street Scene." Jerry Daniels will direct the performance.

### Eastern one of 10 to get national award

Eastern is one of 10 organizations and institutions across the country to be honored for alcohol-abuse prevention efforts.

The Prevention Excellence Awards were presented to organizations that demonstrated dedication to the health and safety of students by implementing comprehensive alcohol-prevention programs.

Outside The Classroom Inc., developer of AlcoholEdu, sponsors the awards.

Since the 2006-2007 academic year, Eastern has required incoming freshmen to take AlcoholEdu, an alcohol-education online course.

### April 8 lecture at Tarble Arts Center canceled

The Tarble Arts Center has canceled a lecture by artist Bill Smith.

The lecture was scheduled to take place April 8 at Tarble but was canceled at the artist's request.

There are no plans to reschedule the event.

### Rock out at Guitar Hero tournament

A Guitar Hero tournament will be held at noon on Saturday at Lincoln Springs Resort.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. and costs \$10 per player.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three players. Call 345-3424 for more information.

### Deadline for cap and gown orders Monday

Graduating seniors have less than a week to order caps and gowns for spring commencement exercises.

The deadline to order caps and gowns for the May 3 ceremonies is Monday. All orders need to be made by 11:59 p.m. Monday.

—Compiled by News Editor Nora Maberry

CAMPUS | LECTURE

# Lessons from 'South Park' and 'Family Guy'

Speaker looks at diversity issues from popular TV shows

By Emily Zulz  
Activities Reporter

Matt Glowacki rolled his wheelchair down the middle aisle in Lumpkin Auditorium, stopping it right before he hit the wall.

He laughed as he looked down and saw he left skid marks on the carpet.

Glowacki presented "Diversity According to South Park and Family Guy" on Thursday as part of University Board Cultural Arts series.

Glowacki was born without legs and opened his presentation by telling about himself and his disability.

He said he actually doesn't think he has a disability.

"Walking is overrated," he said. "It really is."

He said being in a wheelchair is easier, and he never gets tired from walking.

Glowacki said diversity is not only noting the differences in other people but also taking the time to learn from those different people.

He used three clips from "South Park" and "Family Guy" to help address his point of diversity.

He said "South Park" and "Family Guy" are laden with morals and val-



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

After his lecture, "Diversity According to 'Family Guy' and 'South Park,'" Matt Glowacki talks to second-year graduate student Kristin Flores about her thoughts on the cartoon clips he presented.

ues. If people just paid more attention, they could learn something, he said.

The first clip showed the character Peter from "Family Guy" getting plastic surgery to make himself thinner and more muscular.

This clip depicted "lookism," which Glowacki described as when people discriminate against the way someone looks. He said this problem also includes discrimination against oneself.

People have unhealthy body images because of images in the media, Glowacki said, and people should realize those images are no more real than the cartoons he was showing.

The second clip from "Family Guy" showed the character Joe Swanson participating in the Special

People's Games.

"Ableism," shown in this clip, is something Glowacki knows a lot about.

He said sometimes people are overly careful and walk by without looking or acknowledging the person with the disability in the room. Other times, people are over-accommodating.

"People don't know how to treat other people," Glowacki said.

"Approaching a disabled person and saying, 'Wow, you can drive' would be no different than going up to a black person and saying 'Wow, you're African-American and you're in college,'" he said.

The third clip was the "Wheel of Fortune" episode from "South Park," which addressed racism.

"People say inappropriate things

all the time," Glowacki said, giving examples of Mel Gibson and Don Imus.

He said some people are "ignorant and lazy" and don't take the time to find out anything about different people.

"That's terrorism we can all fight," Glowacki said.

Rosa Varela, a sophomore foreign language major, recently faced ignorance from one of her teachers.

She was concerned about her grade and went up to her teacher to ask for clarification. Before her teacher even answered her, she asked Varela, "First of all, do you understand me?"

Gabby Garcia, a senior accounting major, came to the presentation because she is a minority and is interested in learning about diversity. She watches "Family Guy" sometimes but hadn't seen some of the clips Glowacki showed.

She said it wasn't until Thursday that she saw and understood what the show was trying to say.

While Varela doesn't watch the shows, she received more insight about diversity through the clips shown.

"You think about it (diversity), but it's not right in front of your face," she said.

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## Letter to the editor

## OKLAHOMA'S EMBARRASSED

Texas Christian U. – Oklahoma is known for its violent storms, but recently, a different kind of storm has created news in Oklahoma and beyond. Her name is Sally Kern.

Kern is a Republican state legislator in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Her office is in the state's massive Capitol building, located near downtown Oklahoma City. It was there, in the Oklahoma Capitol's rotunda, where hundreds of protestors gathered March 18 to ask Kern for an apology.

But she wasn't in the building.

In January, Kern met with a group of about 50 Republicans in Oklahoma County and delivered a speech. Just more than three minutes of that speech made it to YouTube, where the clip has drawn more than 1 million views since it was first posted March 7 by the Victory Fund, a group that supports gay and lesbian political candidates.

In the three-minute clip, Kern is heard railing against what she calls "the death knell of this country." The death knell, according to Kern? Homosexuality.

Kern's most inflammatory statements about homosexuality, however, came later in her speech when she said: "I honestly think it's the biggest threat our nation has, even more so than terrorism or Islam."

First, I'd like to make one thing clear – terrorism and Islam are not synonymous. Second, surely Kern is aware of the irony in her statement; she works just two miles from the Oklahoma City National Memorial, where terrorism caused the deaths of 168 Oklahomans in 1995.

Still, Kern argues that homosexuality is a bigger threat.

At the heart of the matter isn't that Kern said some inflammatory things. Instead, it's the group she targeted.

If she hadn't chosen homosexuals but had instead assaulted another minority group, would there be a controversy? Sure, but it would have been short-lived; Kern would have been handed her walking papers a week ago.

Kara Peterson  
Daily Skiff

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## Drawn from the news | Dave Pennell



## STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't 4get 2 register 4 ur  
emergency text-message alert

Eastern officials have been hard at work for the last few months, trying to figure out a way to improve safety on this campus.

Before the Northern Illinois University shooting, Clay Hopkins, director of telecommunications at Eastern, imagines about one-third of universities had a text-message alert system in place. Now, he imagines that number is now one-half.

Add Eastern to that tally and, finally, a text-messaging system is in place after much deliberation and review of how other schools use their systems.

The system is not a complex one. Only a few administrators, university police officers and members of Eastern's emergency management team have access to the password-controlled site. From there, someone types a short message (limited to 160 characters, like a standard text message) and presses a button.

It's like magic.

In less than a minute, anyone who signed up at <http://www.eiu.edu/alerteiu> for the text-messaging system will be informed via their cell phone of any imminent, life-threatening danger on or around campus.

But if you didn't sign up, you're simply out of the loop.

Signing up for the text-messaging alert system is easy.

All students need to do is enter an E-ID number (found on your Panther card) and a cell phone number. That's it.

Once the information is in the system, a text message will be sent to confirm you're properly in the system.

Students at Western Illinois University were probably thankful they received a message from their emergency text-message system at 9:45 Wednesday morning. Officials learned of a shooting threat at 8:15 a.m. Within an hour and a half, students had been notified of a threat of imminent danger on their campus, and university officials gave students the option to stay at home and miss class without penalty.

Eastern's emergency management team has considered implementing a text-message service at Eastern since the Virginia Tech shooting last year, said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

And with the most recent shock of the events at NIU, students have been on edge. The new text messaging system can help take a little of the edge off.

Eastern shelled out \$12,500 from institutional funds – not student fees – and it's a small price to ensure students' safety. The university will have

## OUR VIEW

- **Situation:** Eastern has implemented a new text-message alert system that sends students a text message when there's imminent danger.
- **Stance:** Signing up to receive the text messages is voluntary and we urge all students to take a few minutes and register their phones.

to pay this sum every year to uphold the alert system.

Nadler said the few test pilots that have been run have been successful.

Students who don't have a plan with their cell phone companies to receive free text messages will be charged between 15 and 20 cents in the event the university sends out an emergency text message.

But, again, it's a small price to ensure our safety.

As of now, the university does not require students to sign up for the text-message alert. But Eastern would be smart to require all faculty and staff to register.

Because some classrooms have policies that require students to turn off their cell phones, students would at

least be notified of an alert by their professors.

The system is able to send up to 30,000 messages at once, and it's quick.

Because text messages use lower bandwidth, the cell phone tower signal won't get clogged up. Students at Northern Illinois University had difficulty making and receiving calls after the shooting because too many people were using their cell phones at once.

If there's an emergency, our parents want to be the first to know, too.

Once the program gets up and running, there may be a way to let parents of students sign up for the alert system, as well.

For now, though, the alert system in place is meant for only students, staff and faculty.

If there's a threat of danger that could mean life or death, e-mails will still be sent out.

An alarm will sound.

And the students who signed up voluntarily for Eastern's alert system will be notified no matter where they are on campus – as long as they have a working cell phone that is turned on.

So, if you find yourself with five minutes of time in front of a computer that's hooked up to the Internet (you'll have to unglue yourself from Facebook, first), it would be wise to sign up for Eastern's new text-message emergency alert system. These days, campus safety is not something to reckon with.

"Students at Western Illinois University were probably thankful they received a message from their emergency text-message system at 9:45 Wednesday morning."

CONTINUE THE DEBATE  
ONLINE

Visit DENnews.com to read Jason Duarte's blog, "No one feels sorry for you."



"What in your life is so bad that you want to end it? My theory: Nothing. Pete Wentz, I don't feel an ounce of sorrow for you."

-Jason Duarte



KEVIN KENEALY

The DEN or  
DENQUIRER?

*The Daily Eastern News* has become, in a sense, two publications. There's the paper copy, along with [dennews.com](http://dennews.com) – but there is also the tabloid *DENQUIRER* (sic) that runs daily on [dennews.com](http://dennews.com).

What are you talking about, Kevin? I never knew *The DEN* had a tabloid edition! Sure it does. In a lot of ways, the comments on [dennews.com](http://dennews.com) become the story themselves. They often breed much hatred, discrimination and carry with them much weight – but in words that aren't based on fact, but on opinion.

This column goes out to those comments, which I read on a regular basis as more or less a form of entertainment.

It's my way of taking them in. I've given up on taking a lot of things seriously in this world a long time ago. I'm not going to try to convince anyone that we work hard at *The DEN*.

I'm not going to try to convince anyone to come write for us. I am going to try to convince everyone to read this column with objectivity as I write it in online format. Look at the humanity, or lack thereof, that we've come to. Last thing I'll say: I support the comments 131 percent. The Internet is the last frontier for freedom and it should stay as such – free of the Tim Couch's and other regulators and terminators of such freedoms.

## Viewing Comments 1-8

DENBasher 15 posted 5:46 p.m.

CST: You're an egotistical barnabus who believes that by going on your own little crusade in your little column you're going to solve the civil war that is the comments pages. Screw you and *The DEN*.

DENSUPPORTER 15 posted 6:05 p.m.

CST: I don't know about you but he's at least trying to offer a solution to a problem that has been splitting the school apart. Did you not read the part about reading the column for objectivity?

Imlisteningtoqueenrightnow posted 6:39 p.m. CST: It's true; I read the comments for this stuff. Man Freddie Mercury is so rad. Nothing really matters.

Kevin Kenealy posted 7:07 p.m. CST:

Do you get the idea? How far have we come? Is the newspaper only a reflection of *The DEN* staffers, or do the reactions of college students on other college newspapers play a role on that, as well? Are we here to help each other or to bring each other down?

Something that often is not understood, I think, is that everyone on campus has the ability to make the paper better. That's not saying one doesn't have the full right to criticize, but constructive criticism gets much more accomplished than pure criticism.

A newspaper that has the entire student body's support would ideally become a much stronger paper than one with just our staff.

Although not every comment shows such displays of third-grade writing, it makes me wonder if people are reading for *The DEN* or the *DENQUIRER*. I inquire that we change our outlook.

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CAMPUS | RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

# Bring-your-own-cup: A green alternative?



KYLE BONDESON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Justin Myers, Residence Hall Association treasurer, speaks in the Copa Room at Carman Hall about the state of the budget at Thursday evening's RHA meeting.

## RHA discusses plan to reduce paper trash in dining halls

By Heather Holm  
RHA Reporter

Eastern's residence halls are considering going green. The dining halls are considering a new program in which students would receive liquid or water bottles when they move in at the beginning of the year. The bottles are environmentally friendly, and students would use them instead of plastic cups when getting drinks from the dining halls. The bottles, called PolyBicarbonate bottles, would reduce nearly \$15,000 spent on throwing away paper cups a year. "It is something that more universities are doing across the nation because the paper cups do not recycle," said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services. "Students will get benefits from this program because

even if they eat in the dining halls, they will get to take drinks out." One downside to this is that the bottles are not insulated, but Hudson said he did not think this would be a problem. "The environmental committee of RHA contributed to this idea," Hudson said. Michael Andrews, chair of the Environmental Awareness Committee, brought the plan to the Residence Hall Association. Housing and Dining found out about this program last year at the National Association of College and University Residence Halls conference. Other schools were also using this program, such as Smith College, University of Vermont, Oberline College and Miami University, Hudson said. The program, which will be discussed again at next week's meeting, would take effect next year. Also at the meeting, RHA discussed the Louis V. Hencken Housing Scholarship. The scholarship, named for former Eastern President Lou Hencken, would be

ALSO AT THE MEETING:

- A forum to meet members of Student Government will take place at 6 p.m. on April 9 in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.
- Students will have games and prizes in the South Quad from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on April 17 to remind students why it is important to be an organ donor.
- Taylor Hall will have a talent show at 9 p.m. on April 1 in the Taylor Hall lobby.
- An election took place for a new vice president of diversity and programming for RHA. Karla Browning, freshman family and consumer sciences major, was elected to the position.

offered to four students, one from each grade level, who have shown great contributions to housing this year. "During last year, his last year of being president, he coordinated certain scholarships before he left," said Jody Stone, assistant director to Housing and Dining. "He was housing director until 1991, so he created a scholarship for housing." Stone said \$5,900 would be contributed to all four scholarship winners. "If a senior or other year doesn't get it, then it will be distributed among the other three winners," Stone said.

Furthermore, Andrew Hubbard, special events coordinator for University Board, told RHA that "Party Gras" will be from noon-3 p.m. April 18 in the South Quad. There will be a Mardi Gras jazz band and bingo with prizes and crafts. "We decided to have a little fun with the name again, like we did with 'Up All Nite' Chuck Vegas, so University Board decided to have it be Party Gras instead of Mardi Gras," Hubbard said. Heather Holm can be reached at 581-7942 or at haholm@eiu.edu.

## » Meth

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"Drug court is uniformly paid for by local taxpayers," Rose said. "We're going into the new funding cycle; it will be incumbent upon all of us to renew the call for funding for local drug court." Now, lawmakers are proposing drug schools instead of drug courts. Drug school is a variant of drug court, but much less effective, Rose said. Those involved in drug school do not get intensive follow-up like they would through drug court.

"Without that daily oversight of their activity, I don't think we as community members should be comfortable with them in a community setting," Rose said. Rose said Gov. Rod Blagojevich needs to release funding for drug court before June 30, or the money will disappear. "I don't trust Rod Blagojevich as far as I could throw him to spend money," Rose said. A law created in 2007 tracks purchases of targeted methamphetamine precursors at multiple locations and is the reason that people purchasing medicine containing pseudoephed-

rine are required to show IDs before purchasing medicine. The lawmakers believe the decrease in methamphetamine production can be attributed to that law. "On one hand, they are very annoying," Mange said of the laws requiring people to show IDs before purchasing pseudoephedrine. "And on one hand, they are very successful." In 2005, the Illinois State Police busted around 970 meth labs. In 2007, they busted less than 500, Mange said. "There are probably still a lot of

meth labs," Mange said. "They're probably smaller and probably more out of the way." Mange said the main way to fight methamphetamine abuse is to prevent people from becoming involved with the drug. "Once you're in it, it's very hard to get out," Mange said. "If we can just stop people from getting involved with this drug, it will make everyone's life easier." Also, at the summit, Laura Kunard, associate director of the Institute for Public Safety Partnerships, told coalition members about the group's grant program that pro-

vides \$250,000 to community groups in the fight against methamphetamine. The Institute for Public Safety Partnerships is a cooperative effort between community organizations, police agencies, educational institutions and other governmental agencies, Kunard said. "The goal of the grant program is to provide much needed funding to communities, which are the front lines of the meth epidemic," Kunard said. Nora Maberry can be reached at 581-7942 or at nemaberry@eiu.edu.

## » Murray

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Murray uses his own computer when designing advertisements, and the resolution that effectively hired him did not reference archiving responsibilities. Ogulnick said another individual has been hired to design the Web site, and he has been collecting pictures of senate members for several weeks. Brinker told the senate during its March 19 meeting that the Web site designer has not been paid for his work, either. While Murray works for a graphics

design company, a contract was not signed between Student Government and the company because Murray agreed to do the work on his own. If Murray was an independent contractor, Student Government did not notify the public of its need for the position before the resolution was submitted to the senate. After the resolution was introduced, numerous senate members were concerned about how much work Murray accumulated for reimbursement before the senate was made aware of the situation. The resolution to hire him, which passed 19-6, did not include reimbursement in its rationale. Ogulnick said Murray would be

reimbursed, despite the miswriting of the resolution, unless senate members approach her to re-discuss the issue. Before the vote, Wyrobek said the senate members would look bad if they did not pay Murray because he is a professional. Murray said he was told he would get paid from the beginning, and he was not concerned about receiving industry standards. Even though his existence in Student Government is undefined, his information has been submitted to the payroll department at Eastern. Rick Kambic can be reached at 581-7942 or at rwkambic@eiu.edu.

## » Funds

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Bulgar hoped to convince AB not to remove the trip from the budget, but the decision was already made. The COSGA trip was removed instead of the additional \$4,600 for tuition waivers. Student Government's modified budget of \$45,226 was approved with all additional requests removed. The 2009 budget will be \$63 more than the 2008 budget. AB will not meet again this year unless the senate does not approve the suggested budgets. Rick Kambic can be reached at 581-7942 or at rwkambic@eiu.edu.

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# Thumbs-up to drive-in theater

## Recommendation now goes to City Council

By Matt Hopf  
City Editor

The Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning recommended that a drive-in movie theater be granted a conditional use permit at Thursday's meeting.

If approved by the Charleston City Council, a one-screen theater would open at 375 N. 14th St.

The board recommended the proposal with the condition that a buffer be placed on the west, south and east sides of the proposed theater.

The buffer would have to be a mixture of trees with the possibility of a fence, depending on the distance between the property lines.

Petitioner Mark McSparin, owner of Sensible Theaters, was not able to attend the meeting. Carl McSparin presented to the board.

He showed a drawing of the theater, which would include the old Eagles Lodge building to be used as the concession area.

While an exact count was not



Zoning board member Tim Jacobs talks about the possibility of declining property values of the homes that are along Route 130, south of Lincoln Avenue, if the land is changed to commercial zoning during Thursday night's Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning meeting at City Hall.

known, McSparin estimated the theater would allow between 200-300 vehicles to view a movie.

The 30 feet by 60 feet screen would face south.

If a second screen were added, it

would face west.

Charleston resident Ed Carter, expressed concerns about noise and

visibility from his property.

On his property, he would be able to see the screen, he said.

McSparin said the only noise problems people in the area should have is if they turn the radio on. There would be no loud speaker.

The theater would show G, PG and PG-13 rated films, but also rated R films that would include action – but not sex, McSparin said.

He added that his family owns or has owned three drive-in theaters and the most successful locations show family-friendly films.

Carter said he was not against any business coming to Charleston as long it was policed correctly.

The board also recommended that the theater be allowed to use gravel for a parking lot as long as weeds and dust are kept under control.

The board also recommended that 1917, 1919, 1921, 1927, 2005 and 2009 18th St. be rezoned to commercial.

The board also recommended that a zoning change be denied for 1139, 1143 and 1151 Sixth St. because the petitioners were not at the meeting.

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CITY | MONEY

## Charleston city budget shows spike in energy costs

### \$275,000 budgeted for fuel costs for 2008-09 fiscal year

By Matt Hopf  
City Editor

Charleston is proposing to spend plenty more on fuel.

The city is budgeting more funds for fuel costs from the \$27.4 million budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year, which starts May 1.

City Manager Scott Smith said the city budgeted \$275,000 for fuel, which includes gas and diesel fuel, up from \$193,000 budgeted for the current fiscal year.

"We will be over budget this year on fuel, and that's why we increased it," he said.

When the fiscal year in Charleston ends April 30, the fuel expenditures are projected to be over budget by about \$18,000, Smith said.

In the 2006-2007 fiscal year, budget fuel costs were \$188,000, compared to the \$187,000 budgeted.

When the electric price-freeze ended at the start of 2007, electricity was expected to increase by \$225,000.

Smith said the city decided to purchase electricity on the open market and was able to lessen the increase to \$165,000.

For instance, the city spent \$12,000 on electricity annually for City Hall before deregulation.

With the increase in rate prices, the total cost to power City Hall would have jumped to \$21,000 per year. Smith is planning to bid on the

open market again this year, but he is not optimistic because he said electricity tends to follow oil prices.

Increased energy costs could delay projects in the city.

"We did push back a few projects to next year's budget," Smith said. "However, energy costs in some cases were not the only reason."

"In some cases – grant funding for example – forced us to move these projects back a year or so. In other cases, it may have been other reasons that forced us to make a change. Rising fuel and energy costs certainly had an impact."

The city council approved a request for proposals at its Feb. 4 meeting to search for firms to reduce energy costs in the city.

The city could enter into contracts with a firm to update equipment,

which could be paid for through energy cost savings.

Energy savings is the main part of the process, but it could also benefit maintenance costs, Smith said.

Part of the budget is that the city will spend more money than it will gain in revenue.

The city is spending down a \$7 million library bond that was issued in 2005, Smith said. The bond and its interest is part of the cities revenue when it issues the bond.

Since then, the city has spent down the reserves it had from the bond to pay for the library renovation, he added. The bond revenue will be completely gone at the end of the next fiscal year.

The city is also spending Motor Fuel Tax funds to pay off part of the \$1.45 million widening and pave-

ment of Fourth Street between Polk and Madison avenues.

The whole budget has been on file for public inspection since the March 18 City Council meeting and won't be voted on until the April 18 meeting. During that time, Smith will review the budget with City Council members to answer any questions they might have.

Mayor John Inyart said he sat down with Smith and Comptroller Heather Kuykendall to get a complete run-through.

"I haven't had a chance to do my second run through, but I will," Inyart said. "However, at this time, I see nothing that gives me heartburn."

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT | RECAP

Tar Heels blow out Cougars en route to Elite 8

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Roy Williams has never stopped pushing his North Carolina team to play better defense, not even as it piled up lopsided wins and crowd-pleasing offensive displays that few teams can match.

The Tar Heels gave their Hall of Fame coach what he’s been asking for in the East Regional semifinal against Washington State — and it has them a game away from the Final Four again.

Tyler Hansbrough scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half and the top-seeded Tar Heels held Washington State to 32-percent shooting in a 68-47 victory Thursday night, sending North Carolina back to the NCAA tournament’s Elite Eight for the second straight season.

Danny Green had 15 points to help the Tar Heels (35-2) set a school record for victories while continuing their dominant tournament run. The No. 1 overall seed has won its first three NCAA games by 20 or more points for the first time in program history as it chases a record 17th trip to the Final Four.

North Carolina will play the Louisville-Tennessee winner on Saturday.

“We continued to talk about this throughout the year, the fact that we’re tired of hearing that North Carolina can’t play defense and that’s going to be our weak link,” junior Marcus Ginyard said. “But tonight, I think you see that this team has the capability of buckling down and being that great defensive team.”

Fourth-seeded Washington State (26-9) managed just 18 field goals for the game while scoring 20 points below its average.

The Cougars got little from the perimeter, with Kyle Weaver and Taylor Rochestie scoring a combined 12 points on 4-for-21 shooting.

“It was freezing out there,” said Weaver, who had 10 points. “We got a lot of good looks offensively, but we were pretty awful.”

**Xavier 79, West Virginia 75 OT**  
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**NCAA MEN’S TOURNAMENT**

**Other games Thursday**

- **East Region, Charlotte, N.C.**  
No. 3 Louisville vs. No. 2 Tennessee (late)
- **West Region, Phoenix**  
No. 1 UCLA vs. No. 12 Western Kentucky (late)

**Friday**

- **Midwest Region, Detroit**  
6:10 p.m. — No. 3 Wisconsin vs. No. 10 Davidson (CBS)  
8:40 p.m. — No. 1 Kansas vs. No. 12 Villanova (CBS)
- **South Region, Houston**  
6:27 p.m. — No. 2 Texas vs. No. 3 Stanford (CBS)  
8:57 p.m. — No. 1 Memphis vs. No. 5 Michigan State (CBS)

**NCAA WOMEN’S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

**Saturday**

- **New Orleans Region**  
11 a.m. — No. 1 North Carolina vs. No. 4 Louisville (ESPN)  
1 p.m. — No. 2 Louisiana State vs. No. 3 Oklahoma State (ESPN)
- **Spokane, Wash, Region**  
8 p.m. — No. 1 Maryland vs. No. 4 Vanderbilt (ESPN)

**Sunday**

- **Greensboro, N.C. Region**  
11 a.m. — No. 1 Connecticut vs. No. 5 Old Dominion (ESPN)  
1:30 p.m. — No. 2 Rutgers vs. No. 6 George Washington (ESPN2)
- **Oklahoma City Region**  
6 p.m. — No. 2 Texas A&M vs. No. 3 Duke (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — No. 1 Tennessee vs. No. 5 Notre Dame (ESPN2)

10:30 p.m. — No. 2 Stanford vs. No. 6 Pittsburgh (ESPN2)

» Clutter

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By her explaining to me what she went through, I realized I had been taking my gift for granted.

I couldn’t even begin to imagine what I would be like if I couldn’t play rugby or run track anymore.

It would probably kill me inside.

I have never been injured to the point where I couldn’t do anything anymore.

I can’t speak for everyone, but most of my teammates who have graduated tell me they would give anything to play again.

I have been thinking about this a lot lately, and it stumps me.

I often think where I would be if I didn’t choose to do sports in college.

I could be at a different college,

barely getting by with grades and just going to sporting events instead of being in them.

I would have a totally different life.

Then, I think if I would be happy or not.

I’ll be the first to admit that sometimes I wish I were a regular student.

I wish I could just go to class and have more of an open schedule than what I have now.

But I think that after the first month of that, I would be miserable.

I have a gift that shouldn’t be wasted, and I now realize that I have been taking it for granted.

Head rugby coach Frank Graziano points out how much time we have left in our careers all the time.

I remember after my last game my sophomore year, Graziano came up to me and told me my career was

halfway finished.

I didn’t realize that until he said something because I had been taking my gift for granted.

Now I only have one more season left, and when I look back on certain games, I wish I would have given just a little bit more.

I feel like, when I graduate, I’m going to explode inside because there will be no competitive sports in my life.

I can run and work out on my own, but I’m going to miss the team aspect, along with the competitive spirit of athletics.

It’s a sad thing to realize how much you miss something when you don’t have it anymore.

You feel like you should have known all along not to take it for granted.

Sometimes you might get it back — but other times, you might not.

For example, if you get hurt —

depending on the injury — you can come back from that injury.

But are you going to be the same? You might be a step slower than what you used to be, or a touch weaker.

Sometimes you can be so injured that you can’t walk right for six months.

That’s hard to swallow when you have been walking fine your entire life.

Like I said before, I can’t speak for everyone, but I can voice my opinion.

I would advise every athlete to stop and think about it.

“What would I do if tomorrow I couldn’t play anymore?”

“Am I taking my gift for granted?”

Molly Clutter is a junior rugby and track athlete. She can be reached at 581-7944 or at DENsportsdesk@gmail.com.

» Transition

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Arnold is concerned with getting strong performances for the start of the outdoor season.

“Everybody needs to step up because people need to get their numbers one more notch from what they did to get to where they need to be,” Arnold said. “Of course, it will be cold, so people will be performing differently than if it was 65-degree weather out.”

The bitter taste of placing second is still in the back of some Eastern competitors’ minds.

“Now we have to have that hunger and the ability to come back and get that title during the outdoor season,” Eruteya said.

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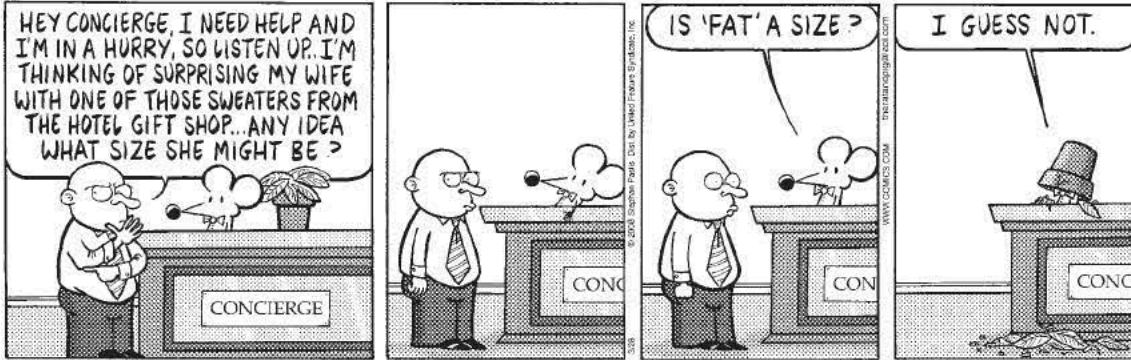
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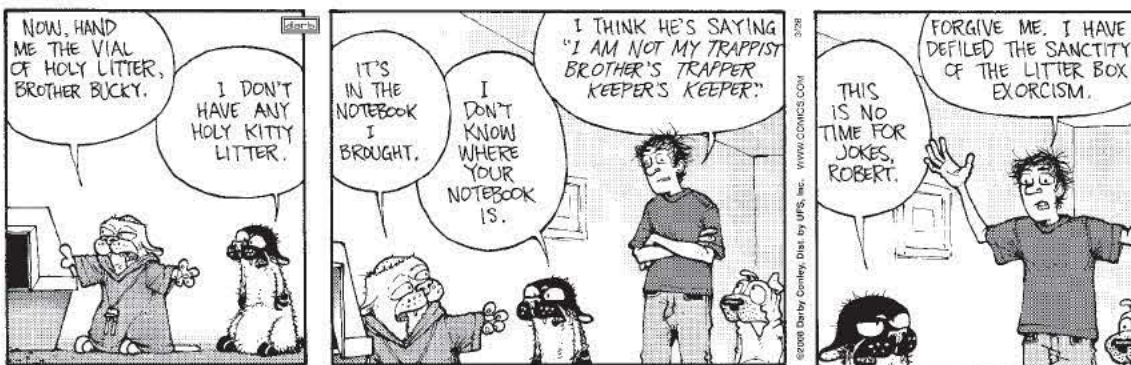
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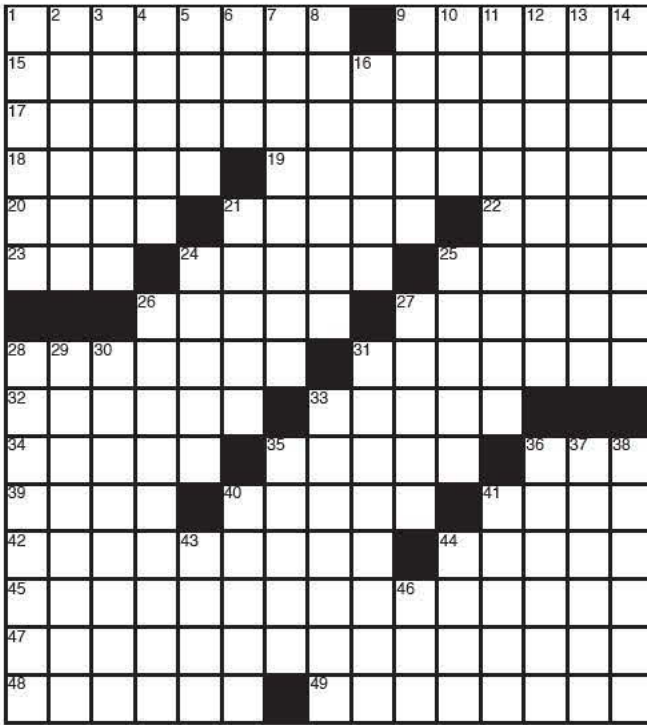
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- ACROSS
- 1 Didn't take advantage of
  - 9 Muscledheaded
  - 15 He conducted the premiere performances of "Pagliacci" and "La Bohème"
  - 17 Bands of holy men
  - 18 Become one
  - 19 Newspaper column separators
  - 20 \_\_\_ Elliot, heroine of Jane Austen's "Persuasion"
  - 21 Star of "Gigi" and "Lili"
  - 22 Put on an unhappy face
  - 23 Revival movement's leader?
  - 24 Strand at the airport, maybe
  - 25 Maker of Coolpix cameras
  - 26 Stray animals don't have them
  - 27 \_\_\_ Couple (yearbook voting category)
  - 28 "Field of Dreams" actress Amy
  - 31 1979 #1 hit for Robert John
  - 32 More of the same
  - 33 Like St. Basil's
  - 34 Incite
  - 35 Center
  - 36 Yielding ground
  - 39 Young cowboy in "Lonesome Dove"
  - 40 Ships on the seafloor
  - 41 Roofing choice
  - 42 Compliant
  - 44 Gives up responsibility
  - 45 Sometime soon
  - 47 One with a guitar and shades, stereotypically
  - 48 Bathe in a glow
  - 49 Most mawkish
- DOWN
- 1 Game featuring Blinky, Pinky, Inky and Clyde
  - 2 Photographer/ children's author Alda
  - 3 Jelly seen on buffet tables
  - 4 Kind of protector
  - 5 Pennsylvania's Flagship City
  - 6 Vet, e.g.
  - 7 Stage actress who wrote "Respect for Acting"
  - 8 Pilot light?

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- 9 Treat badly
- 10 Albee's "Three \_\_\_ Women"
- 11 Vast
- 12 One that gets depressed during recitals
- 13 Awaiting burial
- 14 Files a minority opinion
- 16 Boxy Toyota product
- 21 Some emergency cases may be found in them
- 24 Steely Dan singer Donald
- 25 Some Degas paintings
- 26 1939 film taglined "Garbo laughs"
- 27 First African-born Literature Nobel
- 28 "Is There Life Out There" singer
- 29 Titular mouse in a classic Daniel Keyes novel
- 30 1600 to 1800, on a boat
- 31 Big hit
- 33 Number to the left of a decimal point, maybe
- 35 Unlikely to rattle or squeak, say
- 36 Trifling
- 37 Political extremists
- 38 Roughly a third of the earth's land surface
- 40 Carthaginian statesman who opposed war with Rome
- 41 Rwandan people
- 43 Blue shade
- 44 Great literature's opposite
- 46 Possible work force reducer

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# Panthers ride midweek split

Team won one of two against Missouri Valley Conference teams

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Eastern head baseball coach Jim Schmitz had said the Panthers' two non-conference, midweek games this week would determine if Eastern was getting better through the season and for Ohio Valley Conference play.

A split with Southern Illinois and Illinois State has supplied an answer to Schmitz's question about his team's progression.

The Panthers (9-10, 3-0 OVC) get back into league play with a three-game series against Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn., this weekend, following a 7-5, 11-inning win at ISU on Wednesday.

"For me, to play some good teams midweek, it does a lot for us to get ready for the weekend," Schmitz said.

Eastern beat the Redbirds on a two-run home run by senior first baseman and pitcher Tristan Facer in the top of the 11th inning.

The Panthers came from behind to beat Illinois State, and Schmitz said it was a good sign headed back into league play against the Golden Eagles (16-7-1, 1-2).

"Just to be able to come back to tie it, that says a lot," Schmitz said. "That's the key. There's no substitute for winning. That's all the OVC's about on the weekend. Two of the three games are always close."

The midweek games against



Baseball head coach Jim Schmitz talks to his players about the base-hit approach when in the batters' box during baseball practice in Lantz Fieldhouse on Thursday afternoon. Eastern will play Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn., on Saturday and Sunday.

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Southern and ISU were similar because they both were decided late in the game, Facer said.

"It was definitely nice to win one of those," Facer said. "It's definitely a big confidence booster."

The Panthers' win at ISU was one of the biggest wins of the season, Facer said.

Eastern played ISU on March 13 during the Florida All-Star Challenge at Spring Break but lost to the Redbirds 7-1 after giving up a five-run fourth inning.

"We're feeling pretty good," Facer said. "We got down early and

fought back. It shows our team we can do that. Going into conference (play), we've got a lot of confidence."

Eastern junior second baseman Jordan Tokarz said the most important part of the win at ISU was the way the Panthers finished. It is important for the team members to know they can come back when they get down, he said.

"We've just got to continue playing hard and know we're a good team," Tokarz said. "It would be good to get a sweep. It would be real good to start 6-0 in the conference."

The Panthers might have to rely on sophomore catcher Richie Derbak to work toward a perfect start to OVC play – but not behind the plate.

Derbak pitched four innings of relief against ISU after catching the first seven.

Schmitz said he planned for Derbak to pitch an inning or two against the Redbirds. He wanted sophomore closer Scott Foley to pitch two innings on Wednesday in preparation for the weekend, but Foley wasn't sharp, Schmitz said. Foley pitched 1 2/3 innings and

| Eastern Probable Game 1 Starters        |                |              |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| Pos.                                    | Name           | Avg          |
| 2B                                      | J. Tokarz      | .333         |
| LF                                      | C. Restko      | .321         |
| CF                                      | B. Nommensen   | .273         |
| DH                                      | Z. Skidmore    | .296         |
| SS                                      | J. Kreke       | .254         |
| C                                       | R. Derbak      | .328         |
| 1B                                      | A. Gee         | .261         |
| 3B                                      | S. Estand      | .321         |
| RF                                      | R. Lindquist   | .213         |
| Starting Pitcher                        |                |              |
| P                                       | T. Facer       | 2-0 4.23 ERA |
| Tennessee Tech Probable Game 1 Starters |                |              |
| Pos                                     | Name           | Avg          |
| SS                                      | T. Nelson      | .347         |
| CF                                      | J. New         | .402         |
| 1B                                      | C. King        | .440         |
| 3B                                      | E. Webb        | .430         |
| DH                                      | A. Kirby-Jones | .368         |
| RF                                      | S. Reilly      | .315         |
| LF                                      | A. Henry       | .309         |
| 2B                                      | M. Mihoci      | .309         |
| C                                       | C. Wright      | .163         |
| Starting Pitcher                        |                |              |
| P                                       | J. Edwards     | 2-1 4.70 ERA |

gave up two hits and three runs. He walked three.

Schmitz said it's nice to have two pitchers who can close games.

"Over a weekend in the OVC, you're probably going to need two really good arms at the end," Schmitz said. "At least (Derbak) gives us options."

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## Mercy

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"I think she decided before the pitch was even let go she was hitting that," Schuette said. "She was at full extension, and she was screaming the whole way around the bases. She wanted the suicide squeeze, and I'm glad we didn't do that."

Eastern third baseman Ally Nolte led off the bottom of the third with a flare single over second base, advancing to second on Eastern freshman first baseman Melinda Jackson's sacrifice bunt.

Eastern sophomore shortstop Megan Nelson reached on an infield single to second base, pushing Nolte to third. Eastern sophomore left fielder Stephanie Militello struck out

KIM SCHUETTE | EASTERN HEAD SOFTBALL COACH ON SARAH COPPERT'S HOME RUN IN THE BOTTOM OF THE THIRD INNING

**"She was at full extension, and she was screaming the whole way around the bases."**

swinging on three straight pitches to bring Coppert to the plate.

She drilled a 1-1 fastball over the wall in left-centerfield, scoring Nolte and Nelson.

"It didn't really move," Coppert said about the home run pitch. "(Southern freshman pitcher Nikki Waters) made a mistake."

Eastern senior right fielder Robyn Mackie dropped her bat in the on-deck circle and started jumping when Coppert hit her home run.

"It was very exciting," she said. "It was a bomb."

Senior pitcher Karyn Mackie started for the Panthers (9-13) and gave up four hits and one run while striking out five batters. Two of those hits and the Salukis' lone run came in the top of the first inning. Mackie (5-5) said she settled down in the circle after the first inning.

"I was nervous for some reason, so I just told myself to calm down and throw the ball," she said.

Schuette said Mackie's drop ball was working well against the Salukis (15-15).

"She gave up a few shots that she wasn't happy with those first two innings," Schuette said. "Instead of getting on her heels, she made a decision to take over."

Karyn agreed. She said Southern's hitters were swinging and missing.

Robyn said her sister had worked on her drop ball this week.

"She was on today," Robyn said. "Her inside drop ball was working, and I could see it dropping from the outfield."

Karyn helped her own cause with a two-run double in the bottom of the sixth inning, scoring her twin sister and sophomore center fielder Denee' Menzione.

"We need her bat, and we need her confident at the plate," Schuette said. "So that hit was just as good as those five innings she threw."

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### Thursday's Game

Eastern 9, Southern Illinois 1

| Inning by Inning | R | H | E |
|------------------|---|---|---|
| SIU (15-15)      | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| EIU (9-13)       | 0 | 0 | 0 |

WP: Mackie, K. (5-5) LP: Waters, N. (8-8)

E: Wegmann, B.; -SIU. DP: SIU 1 LOB: EIU 3; SIU 6. 2B: Nelson, M.; Coppert, S.; Mackie, K.; -EIU. HR: Coppert; -EIU. SB: Haas, L.; -SIU; Militello; Jackson, M.; -EIU. SB: Stein, K.; -SIU; Nelson; Mackie, K.; Brackett, L.; -EIU. Key Inning: Bottom of the third Eastern junior second baseman Sarah Coppert hit a home run to left-centerfield.

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MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TENNIS | RECAP

# Panthers win second conference matches

Solid play throughout lineup helps against Morehead State

By JC Clark  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men’s and women’s tennis teams picked up key Ohio Valley Conference victories on Thursday.

Both tennis teams won 5-2 against Morehead State in Morehead, Ky.

Junior Natalie Martin said the key to the match for Eastern’s women’s team (9-3, 2-1 OVC) was not underestimating their opponent.

“We knew this was going to be a tough match,” Martin said. “We all came out fired up, and it showed in how we played.”

Eastern got off to a quick start by winning the doubles point. At No. 1 doubles, Martin and sophomore Hayley Homburg defeated sophomore Adriana Espinosa and junior Heather Butt 8-4. The doubles point was won at the No. 2 when senior Sandra Sasidharan and freshman Cara Huck dominated Morehead State’s freshman Alexandra Rydberg and junior Megan Rozboril 8-1. MSU’s No. 3 duo of freshman Madeleine Antero and sophomore Alix Lakow defeated Eastern’s Abby Allgire and Carrie Larson 8-6.

Eastern sealed the victory by winning the first four singles matches in straight sets.

Sasidharan defeated Antero 6-3, 6-3 at No. 1 singles. At No. 2 singles, Martin defeated Rydberg 6-0, 6-4. Homburg won her first set in the No. 3 match against Rozbo-



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Sophomore Carrie Larson returns a volley during practice at Darling Courts. The Panthers defeated Morehead State on Thursday and play at Eastern Kentucky today and Tennessee State this Sunday at Darling Courts. Both the men’s and women’s teams are 2-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

ril 6-1, and pulled out the victory by winning a closely contested second set 7-5.

At No. 4 singles, Allgire defeated Butt 7-5, 6-3.

The match was played on just three courts.

After the No. 4 match, the outcome had already been decided. In an effort to speed up play, the No. 5 and No. 6 singles contests were abbreviated.

“We had already won, so we wanted to finish up the match,” Martin said.

At No. 5 singles, Morehead

State’s freshman Lauren Delaney defeated Huck 8-4. In No. 6 singles, Lakow defeated senior Stephanie Harmazy 8-2.

The men swept doubles play and won four of six singles contests in straight sets.

Eastern assistant coach Chuck Levaque said the team overcame undesirable conditions to win the match.

“The biggest thing is they fought really well,” Levaque said. “We were playing indoors, and it wasn’t the greatest surface.”

Levaque also praised the team’s

focus during the match and said good play throughout the lineup made the win possible.

“Today was really just a team effort,” Levaque said. “We’re really proud.”

At No. 1 singles, Morehead State’s senior Greg Johnstone defeated junior Vuk Milocevic 6-3, 6-2. Sophomore Jeff Rutherford easily defeated Morehead State’s sophomore Dusan Milivanovic 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles. At No. 3 singles, freshman Robert Stedman defeated sophomore Doug Song 6-2, 6-3.

At No. 4 singles, junior Jordan

Nestrud defeated freshman Bradley Bryan 6-2, 6-4. At No. 5 singles, senior Chris Thomas defeated sophomore Charles Williams 6-2, 6-4. The No. 6 singles match was decided in a tiebreaker, with Morehead State’s freshman Lovell Medcalf defeating freshman Felipe Gama 6-2, 2-6, 10-7.

The men’s and women’s teams travel to play Eastern Kentucky today at 3 p.m. for another OVC match in Richmond, Ky.

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WOMEN’S GOLF | EASTERN AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS INVITATIONAL

# Golfers to compete against SIU this weekend

First spring tournament to be held in Midwest

By Dan Cusack  
Sports Reporter

After finishing in a tie for sixth place in the Butler Invitational on March 10 and 11, the Eastern women’s golf team looks to improve this weekend at the Saluki Invitational.

Eastern head golf coach Mike Moncel said the team is excited to compete again.

“We are looking for improvement from our last tournament,” Moncel said.

The invitational was originally planned for Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale, but the event has been changed to Crab Orchard Golf Club in Carterville. Ten inches of rain to the Carbondale area during the last week have saturated Hickory Ridge, and Moncel said three greens were “underwater.”

Carterville is about 10 miles east of Carbondale.

None of Moncel’s players have ever played a round at Crab Orchard, Moncel said.

“I don’t know much about the course,” he said. “It will be different than what we expected, but it’s not a big deal.”

Junior Carrie Riordan said the new course should not be an issue.

“It will be different because a lot of us have played at Hickory Ridge before,” Riordan said. “No one is familiar with this course, and you always have an advantage when you are familiar with the course.”

The team has been improving, Moncel said. He expects big things from all of his players this weekend.

Riordan looks to continue to play well, as she has finished with the lowest score for the Panthers in both of their tournaments this spring.

Riordan finished in seventh at the Butler Invitational with an 11-over-par and finished in a tie for 18th

overall with an 18-over-par performance at the Northern Illinois Invitational in the beginning of the month.

Moncel said all he is looking for is steady improvement from his team.

“We have been getting better,” Moncel said. “Our short games are not where they have to be, but we haven’t had a lot of opportunities around here because most of the courses haven’t cut their grass yet.”

Riordan hopes her short game does not limit her this weekend.

“Not getting out and not playing has hurt it so far this season,” Riordan said. “The course not being cut is tough because you cannot get a

true roll, and it’s hard to get a feel with what you’re doing.”

The Panthers first two tournaments this spring have been in Florida, and this will be the first in the Midwest.

The Panthers are ready to play a tournament in colder temperatures compared to Florida, Riordan said.

“We have been out practicing here, so we are used to the cold,” she said.

The invitational will be held all-day Sunday, with the conclusion on Monday.

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## TRIPLE THREAT



John Blackburn

Eastern head tennis coach John Blackburn (above) and the Panthers will have a busy weekend of Ohio Valley Conference matches. Both the men's and women's tennis teams will play three matches in four days. The women's tennis team started off with a 5-2 win Thursday at Morehead State. Both teams will play Eastern Kentucky today and will also play Tennessee State at 10 a.m. on Sunday at Darling Courts.

Here are three tennis players who will give the Panthers trouble today in Richmond, Ky.

**1. Meredith Giles** — The Eastern Kentucky senior has helped the Lady Colonels to a 3-0 start in the OVC. Although Giles is only 8-7, she is 3-0 in OVC play at No. 2 singles. She is also 2-0 in doubles OVC play, with wins against Tennessee Tech and Southeast Missouri.

**2. Alex Das Izquierdo** — The Eastern Kentucky freshman is 10-3 and 1-1 in the OVC. He has posted a 9-3 record at No. 1 singles and is 1-0 at No. 2 singles. The Valencia, Spain, native won the Tennessee-Chattanooga Fall Classic in the Flight "A" singles.

**3. Francisco Fontoura** — Fontoura is another Eastern Kentucky freshman who is excelling. The Porto, Portugal, native has posted a 7-4 record, including a 7-2 record at No. 6 singles.

-Kevin Murphy



MOLLY CLUTTER

## Taking the gift for granted?

I'm pretty sure almost every athlete has heard the famous Steve Prefontaine quote, "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the Gift."

But how many athletes actually understand it and take it heart?

I had a talk with my former teammate Eileen O'Rourke the other day, and we had a little discussion about the knee injury she suffered during this past rugby season.

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## SOFTBALL | EASTERN 9, SOUTHERN 1 (6 INNINGS)



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Junior second baseman Sarah Coppert hits a three-run home run to put the Panthers ahead of Southern Illinois 3-1. Eastern won the first game 9-1 in a shortened six-inning game. The second game was canceled at the top of the third inning because of inclement weather.

# PANTHERS MERCY-RULE SALUKIS

## Poor field conditions, second game canceled

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Eastern and Southern Illinois started the second game of their doubleheader Thursday in the mist that hung over Williams Field all afternoon.

Three innings later, the Panthers

and Salukis were walking off the field into their respective dugouts. The game was called in the top of the third because of soggy infield conditions.

Eastern and Southern were scheduled to play a doubleheader, and Eastern won the first game 9-1 with the mercy rule in the sixth inning.

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said she and Southern coach Kerri Blaylock discussed what to do if the poor weather continued.

"If this mist keeps on going, our

field can't take much more," Schuette said. "We started seeing fielders slip. You don't want to risk anything for a midweek game. Coach Blaylock and I had agreed upon that before the first game had started. We weren't going to put our players at risk. It's just not worth it."

Eastern junior second baseman Sarah Coppert said the deteriorating field conditions made it difficult to find traction, and covering bases was difficult because she couldn't push off

without sliding.

"All of our cleats were mush with mud," Coppert said. "Every time we got all the mud off, it would just get right back on."

Coppert was the key player in the first game of the doubleheader. She finished 2-for-4 with five RBIs. She hit her second career home run in the bottom of the third inning with a three-run home run.

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## TRACK AND FIELD | EIU INVITATIONAL

# Outdoor meet not a problem for track teams

## Weather may be a factor at Saturday's Invitational

By Ross Meister  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men and women's track teams will make the transition from the indoor to the outdoor season.

Eastern will host the EIU Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. Other teams competing include: Northern Iowa, Indiana State and Western Illinois.

"The weather will have an impact because inside there's no wind and it's not cold," said junior sprinter Violet Nwordu. "We're getting used to doing it outside since we've done it a couple years now."

Senior jumper Obe Eruteya said the team is used to practicing outside.

"The other teams will be dealing with it as well, so it will have an



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Three Panthers' women hurdlers tune-up one last time before Eastern hosts the EIU Invite to open up its outdoor track and field season.

effect on us unless we are able to continue to show that we can compete," Eruteya said.

For other members of the team, it will be an easy transition to the outdoor season because many runners

train outside and are used to it.

"A lot of us, including the distance runners, run outdoor, so it is easier for the distance people to step it up," said senior Amy LeJuene. "Each lap is 400 meters instead of 200 meters, so

it is easier for us to transition."

Even though the weather is a concern, the field athletes also have two extra events being added, including the hammer throw and discus.

"It is going to be more fun since this is what we've been waiting for," said sophomore thrower Kandace Arnold.

The team will look to build off its second-place team finishes at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships.

"We have had a lot of great performances, most of the people who went to conference for indoor," Nwordu said. "A lot of people will be stepping up to the plate to prove themselves from the indoor season. Overall, as a team, we want to win the meet and also try to come together and establish to show everyone else in the conference what is going to happen. We're going to try to run times to show everyone to watch out."

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## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S TENNIS  
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## COMPETING

## FORTHE

## LAST LAUGH

Five take stage for  
Last Comic Standing  
competition tonight

By Chris Gajda  
Senior Verge Reporter

Matt Caponera tries to push the envelope on stage. He thinks "if you're not living life on the edge, you're taking up too much space." The sophomore communication studies major will perform in the first Last Comic Standing competition at 9 tonight at 7<sup>th</sup> St. Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

With no censors or restrictions, contestants will be given approximately 10 minutes to perform their routine. There will be a panel of four judges that will rank the comedians. Audience reaction to the comedians will impact the judges' decisions.

The winner of the competition will perform as the opening act for University Board's final comedy show of the semester, which will feature three professional comedians.

Throughout the show, audience members will have an opportunity to win \$500 worth of prizes including Eastern gear, gift cards and iPods.

Originally, participants were required to fill out an application and perform in front of a panel of judges.

Tryouts were not necessary, however, because there were only five applicants, including two former students.

Caponera, Paul Teresi, Matthew Hagaman and Tom Bickham are the students to take the stage, with former students Eddie Cross to perform and Mike Cavazos to host.

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Weston Steinberg, freshman elementary education major models as a contestant for the Last Comic Standing competition.



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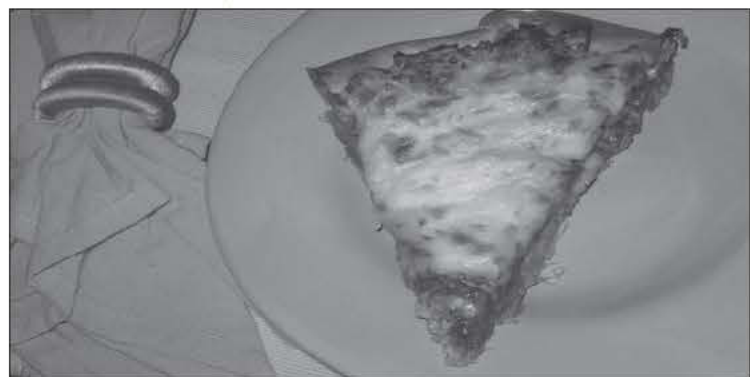
## Verge Reporter Sarah Jean Bresnahan teaches you something ...taste wine properly

For those who can consume alcohol legally, below are tips to enjoy drinking wine correctly

- 1 Choose your wine. There are two main types; red or white. Wine is broken down into categories. For example, Riesling is a sweeter, fruitier white wine, while Shiraz is a tangy, full-bodied red. Remember, wine should come from a bottle, not a box- that's just tacky.
- 2 Although you can basically drink wine out of anything, even a paper cup, drinking it out of anything not made of glass looks cheap. White wine should be placed in a glass with a smaller bowl on it, while red wine should be served in a glass with a bigger bowl.
- 3 Before drinking, take a good look at the wine. Tilt it away from you and notice the color. Red wines vary in color from a bright red to nearly brown, and whites can go from clear to a light brown. Swirl it to make sure there is no sediment or pieces of cork in the wine.
- 4 To get a sense of what the wine will taste like, smell it. Swirl it around in the glass, then take a quick sniff. When you do this, you can smell the other factors contributing to the taste of its intrinsic grape aroma.
- 5 Now it's time to taste it. Take a sip and let it roll around your tongue. Swoosh it around for about 20 seconds before savoring it.
- 6 Whether you liked it or not, write down the name and maker of the wine. If you did like it, you can try different wines from the same maker. If you didn't like it, you know not to buy that type again.

# food

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STACY SMITH | ON THE VERGE

Barbecue chicken pizza ready to serve. This recipe is worth the wait to make.

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### INGREDIENTS

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- 6 chicken breast

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Roll out dough into circle for to desired thickness.
3. Boil chicken for 40 minutes on stove, then shred.
4. Bake crust until lightly brown.
5. Mix chicken with barbecue sauce (and sprinkle diced red onion if preferred).
6. Spread chicken onto pizza, then top with mozzarella cheese.
7. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until cheese is melted.

### THE COOK'S TAKE

The process Verge Editor Stacy Smith took to make this week's recipe

As pizza being an all-time favorite meal, it was time for something a little different from the ordinary.

The recipe was simple to make and the only difficulty I found was rolling out the pizza crust without a rolling pin.

(Maybe I should be doing more pull-ups instead of making recipes each week.)

To make it easier, I used a glass to help roll out the dough evenly.

I would recommend starting the recipe early so you're not hungry waiting for it to cook.

The chicken takes 40 minutes to cook, but doesn't need to be watched much. Just make sure the water doesn't overflow in the pan and stir it around every so often.

The pizza is also a great meal to make when cooking for multiple people.

Although it's very filling, make sure you have extra because they'll be going back for seconds.

The pizza also keeps if it gets refrigerated overnight. But I wouldn't wait too long until eating the leftovers. After making this, you may not want to call for delivery ever again.

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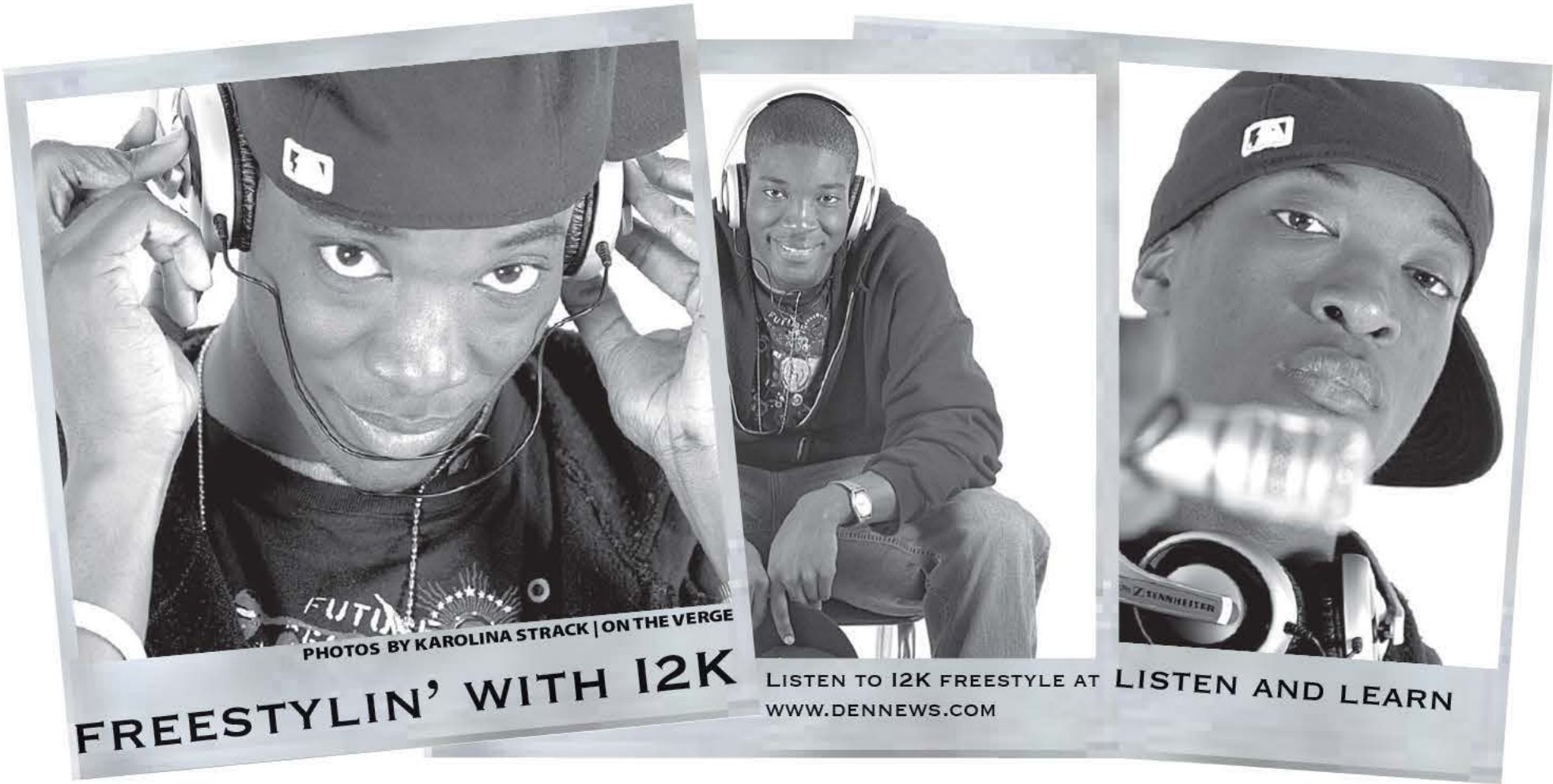




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# KEEPIN' IT REAL WITH IAN WINSTON

Rap up with hot shot of the week, I2K, and his parents

By Sam Sottosanto  
Verge Reporter

Ian Winston remembered how funny it was when people thought the world was going to end as Y2K neared. In fact, the junior art and graphic design major thought it was so funny that he decided to incorporate the idea into his rap name. Since the year 2000, Winston has been known as "I2K." Winston has been rapping since he was 9

years old. He started in elementary school with talent shows. When he was 13, he began to write his own lyrics. He doesn't like the idea of rapping about money, cars, clothes and objects a person would hear in rap songs. He said most kids who like to rap about that stuff don't have it. "The stuff I write about is actual stuff that happens to me," he said. Ian generally likes to write about politics, which bands like Rage Against the Machine and Anti-Flag have influenced him along with Eminem and the Notorious B.I.G. "I'm (politically) moderate," he said. "I have a liberal feel, but I

have a conservative feel on things, too." In February, he created a compact disc titled, "The Red Scare." He got the name from the suspicion of communism in the United States in the 1950s. "I just flipped the idea around because *this* is the red scare," he said. "A lot of people are afraid of the truth. That's what I represent the red as, the truth. Not a lot of people like looking at the truth. They'll look at it as ugly." Winston said through his CD he tries to get the point across that everyone's different and that diversity is necessary in the world. Besides politics, Winston also raps

about themes based on his life. Winston's mom, Kimberly, said her son has always been interested in music. "Initially, he would just listen to what we listen to," she said. "He's always been an R&B fan. Then he became interested in rap around middle school." Kerry Winston, Ian's father, said that as a child, Ian was lively and adventurous. "He was like Huck Finn," Kerry said. Winston played in the school band from fifth grade until high school. As the tallest kid in the class, Ian played the trombone because his arms were long, Kimberly said.

Though his songs are original, he likes to play with music by other artists. In high school, Ian's jazz band director let him play with a computer program called Acid. The program is designed for creating music beats. Ian now owns a copy of the program and creates his music from his personal computer. "In music and art, ideas are limitless," he said. His friend, Andre Dyson, has collaborated with him on some songs. "His music actually means something," said Dyson, a junior English major at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. "I could definitely see (it) in the future of hip-hop."

## FROM COVER

# LAST COMIC STANDING

Caponera has comedy in his blood. He grew up watching and listening to his cousin, who also performs stand up. His first stand-up performance was last year at UB's Open Mic Night at the Union. He came in first place in a competition with one other student. "I like making people laugh, and masturbating is getting old," he said jokingly. "Maybe it (the competition) will get me laid." Some of his influences include Jerry Seinfeld, Conan O'Brian and Chris Rock. Caponera's material is inspired by everyday situations. "If it is a real situation," Caponera said, "the audience can relate to that and they will respond more."

Those attending tonight's show will be able to watch Hagaman venture onto stage for the first time. His favorite comic is Mitch Hedberg, but Hagman first became interested in comedy after meeting Rich Mansfield, who he saw at the Funny Bone in Springfield. Hagaman said he is unafraid of making a fool of himself, but hasn't staged since the fourth grade. "A non-professional show is very different than a professional one," Hagaman said. "The advantage of this show is that there are multiple comics who are all going to have different styles and appeal to different audiences." Teresi will also compete for the chance to open for the final comedy show of the semester. As a kid, Teresi would watch his

## FYI

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When: 9 tonight

Where: 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

Who: Tom Bickham, Matt Caponera, Eddie Cross, Matthew Hagaman and Paul Teresi

# "I LIKE MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH AND MASTURBATING IS GETTING OLD."

Matt Caponera, contestant in University Board's Last Comic Standing competition

favorite comedies repeatedly. "I was a nerd," he said. "I still am, but all that repetition made comedic writing and delivery second nature to me." Teresi is influenced by Frank Caliendo, Harold Ramis, Dan Aykroyd and John Landis. "They really knew how to make people laugh, and it's all

about exploring different comedic techniques and having a good time," Teresi said. Even though he is surrounded by inspiration, Teresi said he takes forever to write stand-up. Teresi began performing stand-up last semester at Roc's Blackfront, and also performed in "EIU's Got Talent."

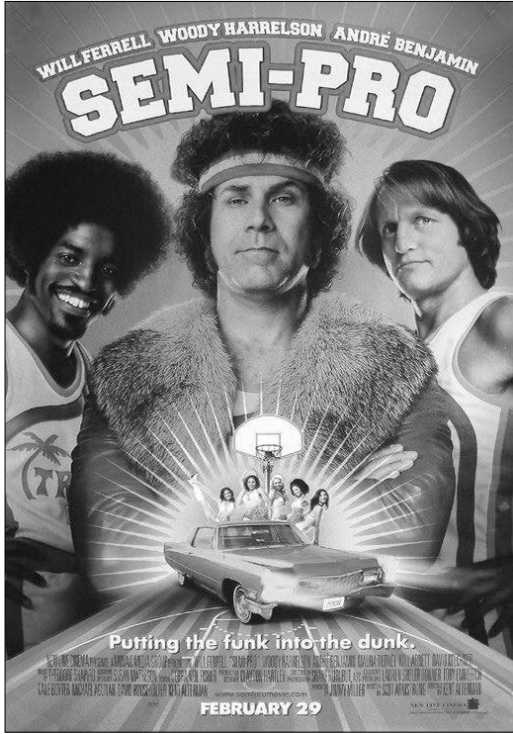
He does impressions of Dr. Phil, Bill Clinton, Jack Nicholson and Harry Carry. A video of his stand-up can be watched on his Facebook profile. "I think this is a great opportunity for Eastern's comedic talent to get together, get to know each other and have some fun in the process," Teresi said.



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## MOVIE



By **Tyler Angelo**  
Verge Reporter

“Semi-Pro” is definite proof that Will Ferrell’s movies are going downhill quickly. Someone unfamiliar with Ferrell’s movies will wonder if this was a comedy or a film about a historical event, and would most likely choose the latter. Jackie Moon (Ferrell) is the owner, head coach, power forward and promoter of the fictitious American Basketball Association team, the Flint Tropics in “Semi-Pro.” Moon made his money from the hit single, “Love Me Sexy,” which he later admits he stole from his late mother. Once the ABA commissioner (David Koechner) informs the ABA team owners the top four teams will merge with the NBA at the

conclusion of the season, Moon does all he can to get into one of the top positions, including trading a washing machine for former NBA point guard, Ed Monix (Woody Harrelson). Complete lack of hilarity ensues. The Flint Tropics are then thrown into the mix of the real 1976 ABA and NBA merger. The film does a poor job of developing the characters and explaining their background. It seems like the film-makers were arrogant and thought that the film would be a success just because it stars Ferrell. They did not realize there is nothing valuable or worth watching in this movie. The story, as in most Ferrell movies, follows a trite plot line, such as “Anchorman,” “Talladega Nights” and “Blades of Glory.” The film starts with Ferrell, loved by friends and admirers alike, at the prime of his game. Later, he takes a somewhat downward

spiral, only to redeem himself in the end. However, instead of a news anchor, a NASCAR driver or an ice skater, he portrays a semi-pro basketball player in the 1970s. Although the plot was weak, the film had a genuine 1970s tone. The clothing and environment in the movie made me feel like I was watching a movie filmed during the time period. The music was funky and groove-oriented and fit the ’70s. The Jackie Moon song, “Love Me Sexy,” which opens the film easily, could have been heard at a disco club during that time. Still, the music, clothing and setting cannot make up for the other elements of the film. While the last few movies of Ferrell’s were somewhat entertaining, “Semi-Pro” was a miserable failure. If you are going into this movie to attain some new Ferrell one-liners or quotes to say to friends, you will leave the theater completely let down.

# 4B

# this weekend...



## TODAY

**Sciencefest 2008**  
Land environmentalism: Pressures on Good Stewardship in the 21st Century  
**Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Place:** University Ballroom in the MLK Jr. Union  
**Cost:** free  
581-7110

**Movie: “Troop 1500”**  
Feminist Film Festival  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Place:** Coleman Auditorium  
**Cost:** free  
581-2216

**Concert: “With Heart and Sole”**  
EIU Dancers’ Annual Spring Concert  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** McAfee Gym  
**Cost:** free  
581-7591

**Discussion: The New Me: What Knowing Your Own Genes Will Mean**  
Lecture about human identities  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Place:** 702 S. Wright St., Lincoln Hall, Urbana  
**Cost:** free  
333-6729

**Music: Family Groove Company with Santa, Cheyenne and Chinese Fingertips (18+)**  
**Time:** 9:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave. Urbana  
**Cost:** \$5 before 9:30 p.m., \$7 after 9:30 p.m.  
367-3140

## SATURDAY

**Movie: ‘Girl Wrestler’**  
Feminist Film Festival  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** Coleman Auditorium  
**Cost:** free  
581-2216

**Exhibit: ‘Beloved’**  
Opening reception with artist Kristin Diener, exhibit of object jewelry and wearable pieces  
**Time:** 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Illinois Amish Interpretive Center, Arcola  
**Cost:** TBA  
268-4810

**Discussion: Screening and talk with filmmaker Anne Lewis**  
Feminist Film Festival  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Place:** Coleman Auditorium  
**Cost:** free  
581-2216

**Music: Green Street Records Showcase featuring Animat Objects, A Bullet Called Life, The Lifeline and Missing the Point (18+)**  
Doors open at 6 p.m. Special early show at 7 p.m.  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Place:** Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana  
**Cost:** \$5 before 7 p.m., \$7 after 7 p.m.  
367-3140

**Concert: ‘With Heart and Sole’**  
EIU Dancers’ Annual Spring Concert. Featuring forms of modern, ballet, tap and jazz  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** McAfee Gym  
**Cost:** free  
581-7591

**Music: The Funky Monks**  
Tribute to the Red Hot Chili Peppers  
**Time:** 10:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana  
**Cost:** \$5 before 10:30 p.m., \$7 after 10:30 p.m.  
367-3140

**Music: Sippy and the Night Owls**  
Rockabilly/blues/rock band  
**Time:** 10 p.m.  
**Place:** Mac’s Uptowner, 623 Monroe Ave., Charleston  
**Cost:** \$3  
345-4622

**Movie: ‘Bee Movie’**  
Sponsored by: University Board  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Place:** Buzzard Auditorium  
**Cost:** free  
581-2216

## SUNDAY

**Independent Film Festival**  
Feminist Film Festival  
**Time:** 12 p.m.  
**Place:** Coleman Auditorium  
**Cost:** free  
581-2216

**Music: New Sound Sundays featuring The Chicago Green, Par Avion, Fickles Lot, The Clearout and Lou Corloza Band**  
**Time:** 9 p.m.  
**Place:** Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana  
**Cost:** \$5  
367-3140

**Music: Seth and Riley**  
Acoustic night  
**Time:** 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
**Place:** Mac’s Uptowner, 623 Monroe Ave., Charleston  
**Cost:** free  
345-4622

**Music: ‘Vivaldi Four Seasons’ featuring Eastern Symphony Orchestra**  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Place:** Wesley United Methodist Church, 2206 S. Fourth St.  
**Cost:** free  
581-3010

**Music: Corey Smith with Sam Thacker**  
Acoustic/country/rock  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana  
**Cost:** \$12 in advance  
367-3140

## CONTINUOUS EVENTS

**Exhibit: 2008 All-Student Show**  
Students display media like painting, drawing, printmaking and more  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday  
**Place:** Tarble Arts Center  
**Cost:** free  
581-2787

**Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum**  
Feature exhibit: 99th Pursuit of Chanute  
**Time:** Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.  
**Place:** 1011 Pacesetter Drive, Rantoul  
**Cost:** adults \$7  
893-1613

**Spurlock Museum**  
Calypso Music in Postwar America: Photographs and Illustrations, 1945-1960  
**Time:** Tuesday noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m.  
**Place:** 600 S. Gregory St.  
**Cost:** free  
333-2360

**Arts and Crafts of West Africa**  
Traditional art and folk art inside Heartland Gallery  
**Time:** Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Place:** 112 W. Main St., Urbana  
**Cost:** TBA  
337-4767